THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

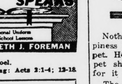
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Joel.
Devotional Reading: Acts 2:1-4; 13-18.

God for Everyone

Lesson for August 30, 1959

THERE IS A serious mistake into which most religions fall and even Christian people have been known to fall into the trap. It is the mistake of fancying that religion is so difficult, or so sacred, or so something-or-other, that it can't be left to the common man. Religion is for spiritual aristocrats, religion is for the very few, religion is for professional religionists. It is for a sort of Religious Union, and people who want it have to deal with the Union or they dont get it.



Dr. Foreman

The Bible gives no sort of comfort or support to this twaddle. The Bible teaches, both directly and indirectly, from end to end, that religion is for everybody. No one has a copyright on it, no one and no union has a right to build a fence around it and charge admission. Religion is absolutely just as much the concern of the man in the street as it is of the man behind the stained glass.

Everybody Needs God

The Protestant form of the Christian religion, being based directly on the Bible, high-lights a doctrine called "the priesthood of all believers." For many Protestants today this expression has very little meaning. They don't know much about priests and they don't want to know more. And the last thing they want is to be priests. But still it is an important doctrine. Because once you forget it, you are all set to slip back into leaving religion to the preacher, or to your grandmother, or to old people and children, or to religious specialists of some kind.

The Bible on the other hand teaches that true religion is for everybody on the same basis. There are three important points here. One: Everybody needs God. The prophet Joel saw this, so did all the prophets. The same disasters, the same temptations, the same troubles and trials, the same hopes and disappointments, come in varied forms to be sure, but at the center of life there are always these needs and troubles.

Where is the Road to God?

We were thinking last week about refugees. Literally millions of them dream of just one thing: a passport. A passport to somewhere, anywhere away from the bloody prison that their old country has become. All the refugees in one barracks may need passports; but not all can get them. Is religion like this? It is true, all men need God. But suppose the road to God is barricaded with difficulties and technicalities and requirements without number, like the road to citizenship in a free country? Suppose the road to God has a secret gate? Happily, this is not the case. The road to God is in the heart. "Return to me with all your heart," the prophet Joel says for God; no technicalities, no elaborate ritual or rule-book.

"My Spirit on All"

So—every one needs God; every one can find the road to God, for it is within him, it is the road of the repentant returning heart. But there is a third point equally important, and also a part of this "priesthood of all believers." The third point is that God's ideal world, the world he will surely bring to pass, is one in which God's spirit will be poured out on all persons, all humanity (which is what "all flesh" means). In Old Testament times, most good people thought of the Holy Spirit as destined only for the distinguished few. God's Spirit would come to a Moses or a Joshua, to a King like David or a prophet like Samuel. But not, oh never, to the common man or woman. Spirit-filled people were a small and rare company. The rank and file might obey God from a respectful distance. The ordinary believer no more expected his God to live with him than the private expects the general to be sitting next him at chow time. The New Testament shows a different picture: the prophecy of Joel is being fulfilled. "Spiritual" people in God's church and kingdom, are not a tight little elite. Every one whose heart's prayer is "Come, O Holy Spirit," will be the Spirit's host.

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Health and Beauty

Nothing gives a child more happiness than to be allowed to own a pet. However, the child who has a pet should be required to care for it as far as he is able.

The very helplessness of their dumb playmates will appeal to the better nature of children. Caring for pets teaches the child thoughtfulness, patience and tenderness.

Inquiry was made some time ago among a group of youthful criminals, and it was discovered that only a few of them had ever owned a pet in childhood.

A lady told me recently that a little boy stopped at her door, and asked for food. She told him to sit on the steps while he ate. He declined, saying that he would take something in his hand.

She watched him to see if he would throw the food away, but he crossed the street, where his dog was obiently waiting for him. He divided the food exactly in half, ate one-half himself and gave his dog the other half.

It is safe to assume that this boy will not be found later in life among a gang of criminals and law-breakers. He knows the law of kindness, and unselfishness was exemplified in his consideration for his dog.

Yes, let your children have pets, but see to it that they are treated with kindness. The children will learn that dumb creatures need love, that they appreciate and respond to it. They will also learn that, as they hunger and thirst, so does Rover or Tabby.

The devotion of their animal friends will help them to realize that as we give love we get it back. A selfish child will grow up into a selfish adult. The child will learn unselfishness from caring for his pets.

When the child has a pet, even though he doesn't feel like doing it, he must be made to understand that its wants must be attended to. He will in this way perceive a little of the sacrifices that others make for him.

It helps a child to realize that his parents are always toiling, sacrificing and planning for his comfort and welfare, so he in turn must care for his pets, who cannot care for themselves.

To The Biter End

Los Angeles.- When burglars carted off three photo duplicating machines from his office, a few weeks ago, Fred Ernest thought he had the last laugh.

"They can't use those machines because no one else in this area has photo copy paper that fits."

Ernest isn't laughing any more.

Burglars broke into his office again and took $1,000 worth of the photo copy paper.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents .Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers.)

Q. How will yearling steer and feeder calf prices compare with those of 1958?

A. The best guesses have it that feeder steer calves will bring about the same. Heifers may be up a little. Yearlings are now being contracted for at about the same prices as last year.

Q. What is the best chemical to use for control of flea beetles on flue-cured tobacco?

A. Use either DDT dust or spray.

Q. I have keep keeping steer cattle that will finish out at 900 to 1,000 pounds. When should I do about restocking this fall, and with what?

A. If you have found a livestock program which uses the feed and forage produced on your farm to your advantage, and if the present livestock operation otherwise fits into the overall farm enterprise, stick with it. Don't try to outguess the market.

Q. When should beef heifers be bred for the first time?

A. The best rule to follow is to breed heifers which weigh a minimum of 650 to 700 pounds and are 16 months old or older. Make them weigh around 950 pounds when the first calf is dropped.

Q. When is the best time to sell my yearling steers?

A. There is one "best time" for all producers, but for most yearling cattle the best time and place in Virginia to sell them is through the organized sales. The special sale in your area may not hit the highest period every year, but overall you'll profit by taking advantage of this market. The sales start in September. Watch your local newspaper, or ask younr county agent about the time and place.

Q. What are the best controls for stored grain insects in wheat?

A. Be sure your storages are tight and sanitary, then fumigate with a mixture of carbon tetra chloride and carbon disulphide, or a mixture of thelene dichloride and carbon tetrachloride. Protective powders also are available. Aks your county agent or write the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg, for a free copy of Bulletin 214, "Farm Storage of Grains." It will give details.

Pact reached in strike of concrete-mix drivers.

Play safe — drive carefully.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Are anticyclones dangerous? Do they occur often, and where are they most frequent?

Anticyclones are not dangerous. Actually, an anticyclone is highly desirable, and most people enjoy the accompanying weather. They are nothing but the opposites to cyclones, or low pressure systems, and are our high pressure systems.

High pressure systems occur all year around in all areas of the United States, but are more common in fall and early winter in most parts of the country. The anticyclone moves eastward at a faster rate of speed than does the cyclone, though the winds inside a cyclone are often of greater velocity.

Anticyclones winds circulate in a clockwise direction in this hemisphere, while those in a cyclone rotate counter-clockwise.

Homemakers Items

Add asparagus tips cut into bite size pieces to scrambled eggs . It's delicious and different.

For an easy salad, serve stuffed celery. Stuff with mustard blended with deviled ham, fresh orange bits and coconut, or pimento mixed with smooth cottage cheese.

Fresh fruits and vegetables to be cut up for salads need not be "fancy" grade. Slight imperfections or irregularity in shape won't affect their desirability for salad use.

Keep a bottle of witch hazel and a box of cotton squares in the car during hot weather. You can freshen up often when you are traveling by car.

Use a crumb crust rather than a baked pie shell for summer pastries. The pie will be tasty, and the kitchen will be cooler.

Set a large, flat stone under the rainspout to reduce erosion damage to the lawn.

Try adding cooked rice to breakfast waffles for a different flavor and texture.

For a tasty "egg burger," serve a fried egg on a lightly buttered heated hamburger bun. Cover with a strip of crisp bacon and slice of tomato.

Still Do

Seaman Sam says: "A historian announces that women used cosmetics in the Middle Ages. Women still use cosmetics in the middle ages." —U. S. S. Whitney Tender Topics.

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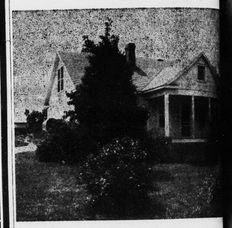

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...g. 24.- We are still having ...ot warm weather.

...ood here attended the ...ion officers and leaders ...of the Appomattox Association ...Elon Church on last ...day.

...Mrs. W. H. Elder and ...their vacation.

...Mrs. Lewis Dickerson ...were visiting friends at ...on Monday night.

...Mrs. Toby Inge ...spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. ...Jr.

...Mrs. Roy Dickerson, of ...Va., were visiting in ...neighborhood one afternoon ...week.

...M Almond has returned ...home.

to her home in Lynchburg.

Mrs. W. R. Moore is now spending awhile with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson.

A few from here were in Lynchburg Saturday for the Dickerson and Penny wedding at College Hill Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Garrett, of Lynchburg were visiting here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach and children, of Stuart spent part of there vacation here.

Pauline Miller, of Lynchburg was a recent visitor here.

Vera

Vera, Aug. 27.- "Take heed that you do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 6:1.

We are having the hottest weather of we have had this summer, and we are needing rain.

Mr .and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette and Sylvia Carson and Mrs. Ida T. Morris visited in the home of Mrs. Mildred Warters on Sunday.

Mrs. Dick Webb and Bonnie visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Friday.

Mrs. Ada Gilliam, Mr. James Kety Harvey and Mrs. Mildred Warters visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Thursday.

Mrs. Tom Edd Woodson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Monday.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harvey in Lynchburg on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson, who have been spending his vacation in Florida, arrived home on Monday night. They enjoyed their trip.

Schools will soon start. I hope that we may have some cooler weather by then.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Aug. 26.- Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McFadden and daughter, Patsy motored over the Skyline Drive and visited Luray Caverns last Thursday.

Mrs. Neil Walton and two children, Josephine and Winston spent last week-end with the former's daughter, Miss Shirley Walton, of Arlington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and son, Roy Allen, of Lynchburg and Mrs. Anne Anderson and daughter, Audrey of Keysville were all dinner guests of Mrs. Juddy Glover Sunday evening.

Mr .and Mrs. George Woodson and son, of Williamsburg were the Monday night guests of his brother, Russell Woodson, and sister, Miss Ruth Woodson.

Mr .Kenneth Jamerson returned to Indian Gap, Pa., to finish his two weeks summer training.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashworth and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cyrus, Jr., and daughter, Cindy, all of Lynchburg were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds and Mr. A. C. Almond.

Mrs. B. S. Reed, of Monroe, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Ferguson, who is not so well at this writing.

Mrs. Davis O'Brien is recovering from an operation in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. T. D. Harris and four children, of Pamplin visited her sister, Mrs. Juddy Glover Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. A. Moon spent several days last week with her son, Roy Moon and family, in Roanoke.

County Line

County Line, Aug. 26.- There was quite a number in this section Sunday P. M. Rain, hail and wind. Hail damaged several crops of tobacco. Wind blew down two large trees in the yard of Mr. Floyd Smith. The rain was welcomed by many, as it was badly needed.

Mr .Howard Jordan and family, of N. C., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Ray Booth.

Miss Roslin Trent has returned to Harrisonburg, after spending the summer vacation with her father and mother, Mr. Milliard Trent and Wickliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ferguson had two of their granddaughters to spend last week with them.

Mr and Mrs. J. B. Jones spent the week-end with relatives in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and Robert Mann spent Sunday in the home of Rev. Richard Jones, at Dolphin, Va.

Richwood

Richwood, Aug. 26.- "A man who cannot mind his own business cannot be trusted with the king's.

—Quoted.

Mrs .Jack M .Hamilton and family spent last week with relatives in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and children, and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and children were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woolridge.

Mr .and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, of Lynchburg visited one night last week with Mr .and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

G. P. Brannan and daughters were in Brookneal on business last Wednesday.

Mr. G .T. Marsh is spending some time with Mr .and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

CHURCH NEWS

Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church

Sunday School, 10 A. M.
11:00 A .M. Morning Worship. The sermon will be delivered by Mr. Will Crumplen, assistant to Dr. Williams, at the Walker's Church in Hixburg.

Dr. W. Tayman Williams, the pastor, will be back in his pulpit on Sept. 13.

There will be no evening service on Sept. 6.

Walkers Presbyterian Church
Hixburg

Mr. Will Crumplen, Assistant to Dr. W. Tayman Williams.

Sunday School, 10 A .M.

There will be a congregational meeting to discuss two important matters. 100% attendance is urged. Following Sunday School the members will go to Holliday Lake for a picnic. Members and friends are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch. Refreshments will be served. The Youth Group plans to use the Ping Pong Table and equipment.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church
(14th Sunday in Trinity)

Church open for Prayer and Meditation this Sunday.

The Order of Confirmation will be conferred by the Rt. Rev. David Shepherd Rose, D. D., Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia on Sunday, September Sixth.

Red Oak Baptist Church

Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Rev. Lewis Garrett, Speaker.
Training Union, 7:00 P. M.

Memorial Methodist Church

Rev. Richard A .Bergdoll, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
C. W. Smith, Superintendent.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Topic: " Expecting the Exceptional."
Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M.
Topic: "Oil In My Lamp."

Tenth Birthday Celebration

Mr. John Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lewis, of Appomattox celebrated with much gaiety his tenth birthday on Monday evening, August 24. The party was given by his mother in their home.

The young guests enjoyed playing games and winning prizes for their accomplishments. Remembering by words and pantomining were some of the games played.

Following the games, John opened the packages brought to him by his friends. After "thank you expressions" were said, the young people were served refreshments.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lewis, Kathryn, Luther, Ray, Bill and Nancy, Mrs. Stuart Kidd, Mrs. Bernice Gilbert,, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Vaughan, Mrs. Nora Maxwell, Carolyn and Patricia Maxwell, Patricia Ferguson, Bobby Trent, Rickey Gallier, Fred Richardson, Raymond Hall and cousin, Dale Ferguson, Beth Cravens, Michael Wallace, Mrs. Harry Martin, Larry Martin, Juddy Ann and Robert McKinney, Joe Vaugan, Jane Richardson, Bob Holt and Freddy Thomas.

LIBERTY CHAPEL

Liberty Chapel, Aug. 27.- Little Josia Megginson was carried to the Virginia Baptist Hospital Monday for treatment. We do hope for Josia a speedy recovery.

Miss Faye Thornhill was the guest Friday night of Mrs. Kate Gunter and daughter, Josephine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thornhill, of Roanoke visited his father, W. W. Thornhill over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Sr. and daughters, of Buckingham, and Mr. and Mrs .Sam Thornhill were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs .Henry Stanley, Jr.

Mr .and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and Wanda and Georgia Gunter visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Scruggs of Buckingham on Saturday evening.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds on Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin.

Mr. and Mrs .Percy Garrette, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and J .L. Thornhill were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, of Lynchburg.

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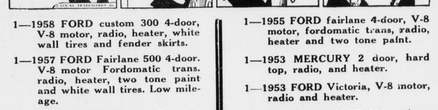

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